

*Recovered spirits.* Taxpaid spirits that have been salvaged, after use in the manufacture of a product or ingredient, so that the spirits are reusable.

*Special tax.* The special (occupational) tax on manufacturers of nonbeverage products, imposed by 26 U.S.C. 5131.

*Subject to drawback.* This term is used with reference to spirits. Eligible spirits become “subject to drawback” when they are used in the manufacture of a nonbeverage product. When spirits have become “subject to drawback,” they may be included in the manufacturer’s claim for drawback of tax covering the period in which they were first used.

*Tax year.* The period from July 1 of one calendar year through June 30 of the following year.

*Taxpaid.* When used with respect to distilled spirits, this term shall mean that all taxes imposed on such spirits by 26 U.S.C. 5001 or 7652 have been determined or paid as provided by law.

*This chapter.* Chapter I of title 27 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

*U.S.C.* The United States Code.

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## Subpart C—Special Tax

### § 17.21 Payment of special tax.

(a) *General.* Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b) of this section, each person who uses taxpaid distilled spirits in the manufacture or production of nonbeverage products shall pay special tax as specified in § 17.22 in order to be eligible to receive drawback on the spirits so used. Special tax shall be paid for each tax year during which spirits were used in the manufacture of a product covered by a drawback claim. If a claim is filed covering taxpaid distilled spirits used during the preceding tax year, and special tax has not been paid for the preceding tax year, then special tax for the preceding tax year shall be paid. Regardless of the portion of a tax year covered by a claim, the full annual special tax shall be paid. The manufacturer is not required to pay the special tax if drawback is not claimed.

(b) *Suspension of tax.* During the period from July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2008, the rate of the tax described in paragraph (a) of this section is zero. Accordingly, payment of the tax is not a prerequisite for claiming drawback on spirits used during that period. However, the drawback claimant still must register by filing the special tax return on Form 5630.5 during the suspension period even though the amount of tax due is zero.

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### § 17.22 Rate of special tax.

Effective January 1, 1988, the rate of special tax is \$500 per tax year for all persons claiming drawback on distilled spirits used in the manufacture or production of nonbeverage products, except that the tax rate is zero during the suspension period described in § 17.21(b).

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### § 17.23 Special tax for each place of business.

Subject to § 17.21(b), a separate special tax shall be paid for each place where distilled spirits are used in the manufacture or production of nonbeverage products, except for any such place in a tax year for which no claim is filed, or no drawback is paid, on spirits used at that place.

[T.D. ATF-379, 61 FR 31412, June 20, 1996, as amended by T.D. TTB-36, 70 FR 62241, Oct. 31, 2005]

### § 17.24 Time for payment of special tax.

(a) *General.* Special tax may be paid in advance of actual use of distilled spirits. Special tax shall be paid before a claimant may receive drawback. Special tax may be paid without penalty under 26 U.S.C. 5134(c) at any time prior to completion of final action on the claim.

(b) *Suspension of tax.* The rate of special tax is zero during the period from July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2008 (see § 17.21(b)). During this period, the registration requirement continues. The